4/3/72

Dear Js,

I&m under strict injunction from One Whose Advise Is Generally Good to audition a show I'm supposed to fo day after tomorrow, a black TV show in Washington which booked my appearance for the day AFTER the anniversary of the King assassination. It goes on in 15 minutes, which coincidese with the scheduled arrival of a county road crew to begin a series of operations finally promised as the conclusion to a win-ter long battle to get undone what they done and shouldn'ta. Until then, a few random notes.

The Post this morning relegated the ITT story-no mention of Kleindienst in it - to p. three, with the McGovern charge the lead , the Beard CBS appearance sublimated, and in it mention of only the not-new Congressional demand for their free air-taxi service. No word of Mitchel,, none of the comment I've made separately. Don't go to trouble or work, but if the A-wire story had any of the t ings that interest me, I'd appreciate a copy. Not if Je has to copy at home. Not worth the trouble and cost for I expect little use of the file from what I can now anticipate.

Not one radio broadcast or TV show or newspaper I've seeen has made any connection between the successful offensive in VN and Nixon's withdrawal from the "peace" conference. It is obvious t is offensive could have been mounted at any time, that it was expected, that it could have been reserved only as a good-faith gesture in the negotiations. The reverse-Calusewitz has become so ingrained in our governmental attitudes that they actually expect it. Meanwhile, for no reason but bitter frustration and horrible vindictiveness, Nixon, like Johnson, has already played what he might have hoped for as an ace, his only means of retaliation, indiscriminate bombing. With that going on at the maximum pace anyway, what has the other side to lose with an offensive?

I haven't read it yet, but Robert G. Kaiser had a longinterview with Alexander Solzynetsin and his wife last Thursday. The sanctimonious Post has more than a page on it, beginning with most of the top of P. 1. I'll be sending it after I read it. I have not included the picture with the p.1 partin clipping. He strongly condemns the government of the USSR. The Post also had a China-Africa story this a.m., but I didn't clip that because it is AP A-wire.

I did not send Nicholas vonHoffman's column on the confiscation of the Cuban film and the Buckley misuse of the USIA film-Kleindienst's interpretation is in an editorial, or I am not sending the editorial, I don't recall which, because it seems the National Archives released it and I'm filing it there if you should want it. I actually smiled that the law says and means the opposite of what it clearly says and means. Should you want this, I'll have it under Archives. I think I'm sending vohH.

Best,